

CHARGE IS EXCESSIVE

**Councilmen Declare That Mills
Require City to Pay Too
Much for Lumber.**

QUALITY IS INFERIOR, TOO

**Suggestion Offered That Bids
Be Called for by the City
for Such Lumber as
May Be Needed.**

At last night's meeting of the council the fact was brought out that the city was being "soaked" by the local millmen. Mr. Beland called attention to the matter. He said the mills were charging the city \$10, \$11 and \$12 a thousand feet for the same grade of lumber that was sold to contractors for \$7.50. Mr. Morton said that contracts were awarded for furnishing other supplies, and he knew of no reason why lumber contracts should not be awarded. "If the city is being held up, we ought to get our lumber elsewhere," declared Mr. Morton.

"The price we pay for our lumber wouldn't prompt me to object if the lumber was good," said Mr. Nordstrom. "I have graded millions of feet of lumber, and I know positively that the class of material we get from the mills is not what we pay for."

Members of the council declared that they would hereafter refuse to pay for inferior lumber, and it is probable there will be some contention in the future. Because of the poor quality of the lumber used in the construction of a new sidewalk on Commercial street, one block of the improvement was not accepted last night. Mr. Morton declared that, where the contract called for second-class lumber, that used in the sidewalk was not even fourth-class material.

No Drains for East End.

The resolutions which were introduced a month ago for the construction of a system of drains in the East End were killed last night. Mr. Beland declared that the proposed drains would more nearly resemble sprinklers and that the author of the idea had some decidedly incorrect views of the matter. Mr. Leinenweber was opposed to running drains across two or three blocks of sliding property. The drains were to have been built on Thirty-fourth street and Irving avenue. No other provision for draining that part of the city was made last night.

Would Improve Eighth Street.

Mr. Hansen called attention to the deplorable condition of Eighth street. He said 100 or more school children were compelled to use that thoroughfare every day, and that it was almost impossible for them to make their way through the mud. Street Superintendent Kearney declared that he had repaired the street so often it had become a habit with him, while A. B. Daigity, an indignant resident, appealed for relief. Plans for the work have been prepared, and the street will be improved just as soon as the necessary ordinance can be passed.

Taylor Avenue Improvement.

Mr. Hansen wanted the Taylor avenue improvement matter settled. A petition was received from property owners living on the street asking an improvement of the width of 36 feet instead of 26 feet. Mr. Beland figured it that the petitioners would pay \$170 toward an improvement that will cost

\$9000, and he believed the council should, for this reason, fail to heed the request. Mr. Lebeck believed the improvement scheme he had put to the council would be about right, and he thought the council ought to give the people what they want so long as they are willing to pay for it. An adjourned meeting will be held tomorrow evening, when the matter will be disposed of.

Friction Between Officials.

Auditor Anderson stated to the council that the request of the city treasurer for instructions in the matter of collecting interest had been acted upon. He said the treasurer would be absent from the city for a short time, and he wanted to know what to do if property owners called at his office and offered to pay delinquent assessments.

Mr. Nordstrom—The matter was referred to the ways and means committee and city attorney. The attorney drew up a report, but I was the only member of the committee to sign it.

Mr. Burns—I did not sign the report for the reason that I did not understand it. The committee has been in a mixup with the treasurer almost daily, and the matter has reached a personal stage. I do not purpose to be a party to anything of this sort.

Mr. Nordstrom—I want a rule adopted under which all will be treated alike. If one delinquent property owner is required to pay interest, all should be required to do so. The records of the treasurer will show that the O. R. & N. Co. was once required to pay \$30 interest on a delinquent assessment, while the A. & C. did not pay a cent. This is not right.

The charter specifies that the treasurer shall collect interest at the rate of 6 per cent, and it was mutually agreed, without any legislation, that the terms of the charter should be followed in this respect.

Other Matters Acted Upon.

Liquor licenses were granted to C. R. Wright and Peter Peterson, and applications were received from Denck & Glaser and Carlson Bros.

City Treasurer Dealey was granted a leave of absence, and leaves of absence were granted to S. J. Arrigoni and Al Leinenweber.

A petition from the Prael-Eigner Transfer Company, asking permission to build and use a platform underneath Duane street, was referred to the street committee.

The request for the establishment of street lights on Seventh and Eighth streets was referred to the street committee.

A letter was received from the president and secretary of the carpenters' union declaring that the Star theater was in unsafe condition, and that the building was not properly supported. The letter was referred to the committee on public property.

The protests against the street work in the East End were all filed, on recommendation of the street committee.

The petition for the improvement of Thirtieth street from Grand to Harrison avenue was filed, as it is now too late to undertake this work. However the committee recommends that the improvement be made early in the spring. Similar action was taken on the petition for the improvement of Irving avenue from Twenty-third to Thirty-fifth street.

Ordinances were introduced to pay T. Millhaupt \$1874 for improvement of one block of Commercial street, and to pay Birch & Jacobson \$542.70 for the partial improvement of Duane street.

An ordinance extending until October 15 the time for completion of the improvement of Franklin avenue between Twelfth and Seventeenth streets was passed under suspension of the rules.

An ordinance accepting the improve-

ment of Franklin avenue from the west line of Adair's Astoria to Thirty-sixth street was passed, and a resolution was adopted directing an assessment for the improvement of Thirty-sixth street from Duane to Franklin avenue. The cost of this last-named improvement was \$2274.

PERSONAL MENTION.

L. S. Doble, a well known Portland traveling man, is in the city.

T. S. Barr, the Gray's River merchant, was in the city yesterday.

City Attorney Smith is enjoying a hunting trip in the Willamette valley.

Mrs. H. E. Campbell, of Warrenton, was shopping in the city yesterday.

Miss Lillie Lidwell is visiting for a short time with friends in the metropolis.

Mrs. Charles A. M. Hellborn has gone to California to spend a month with her parents.

LIST OF LETTERS

**Remaining Unclaimed for Thirty Days
at the Astoria Postoffice.**

October 3, 1904.

Alde, Hugo.
Arnold, Wm. Mr.
Barker, F. E. Mr.
Bartow, Sarah Mrs.
Berry, Ernest Mr.
Berdine, Frank Mr.
Bonando, Louise Miss (2).
Bolton, I. A. Mr.
Buford, Clair Mrs.
Clark, Dora Mrs.
Emerson, Ralph Mr.
Germain, Joe Mr.
Genklick, Mark Mrs.
Goodman, Kittle Miss.
Gray, Charles Mr.
Greenwich, Thomas Mr.
Henes, James Mr.
Hollanan, Emlina Mrs.
Hughes, N.
Jorouiset, Francis I.
Johnson, Bennie Mr.
Johnson, Pitt.
Kelly, Laurence Mr.
Kessell, Nellie Miss.
Lakeman, J. W.
Littinger, N. A. Mr.
Martin, P. O. Mr.
Marckquiekick, Mark Mr.
Mattson, Hilda Miss.
McGlynn, Mike Mr.
Miller, A. Mr.
Morgan, H. Mr.
Parkins, Avelen Miss.
Parkins, N. P.
Pesmar, Ivin Mr.
Riley, Hill Mr.
Rofe, Bessie Mrs.
Sharp, W. C. Mrs.
Smith, Claude C. Mrs.
Tarbox, Mrs.
Tynon, Maggie Mrs.
Lynn, Maggie Miss.
Valentine, J. J. Mr.

Packages.

Clark, Arthur Mr.
Kaiser, Charles Mr.

Foreign Letters.

Arcediacone, Marina, Signor (2).
Anderson, John A. Mr.
Budnich, Gusippe Mister.
Niemi Enult Mr.
Iceberg, John Mr.
McIntosh, John D. Mr.
Niemi, Kaarle Mr.
Strauborg, Nillaff N. Hr.

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